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## Annual Gathering 2022 FAQ

### **Where will the Annual Gathering be held this year?**

The 2022 Annual Gathering will be at Westerville Community UCC with the online option being hosted on Zoom.

Westerville Community UCC  
770 County Line Road  
Westerville, Ohio 43081

### **Why has the registration cost increased?**

The cost of the Annual gathering stretching back to 2017 had not risen until this year. The cost of everything is more now than it was five years ago. The Annual Gathering Planning Committee has been working hard to be both good stewards and great planners of an event that will inspire, connect, equip and support our many settings of ministry.

### **Are there any special registrations available at a lower cost?**

Yes, a decision has been made for retired clergy and Members In Discernment to have a discounted rate of \$50.00 recognizing the special financial needs of each of these groups.

### **Are there any scholarships available?**

Yes, absolutely! Just contact the Heartland Conference Office at [office@heartlanducc.org](mailto:office@heartlanducc.org) and we will be glad to see how we may offer support.

### **Where can I book a Hotel?**

You can find Hotels in the area by clicking [here](#).

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## **Why is the Annual Gathering being held on a Thursday and Friday this year?**

As in all things, it is often good to take a step back and see if what you have been doing is still effective. Following up on suggestions that came through evaluations of past meetings and also because of responses from a survey circulated following last year's Annual Gathering, the decision was made to give this new schedule of Thursday and Friday a try. We'll see how it goes and also will be seeking feedback following the meeting from those in attendance.

## **Do you have a COVID plan?**

Yes we do. The COVID plan, should we need to make that pivot, will be engaged and communicated to all who have registered and through our wider conference communications channels.

**Masks Optional** – Masks will be optional throughout this event. As followers of Jesus, we commit to attending to each other's needs and wearing masks when interacting with someone who is wearing a mask. We honor those who continue to seek a balance between health and participation and welcome them to remain masked at all times, sit further away from others, eat outdoors during lunch, or participate in the Zoom workshop. Basic surgical masks will be provided; if you want to wear a more protective mask, we encourage you to bring one with you.

## **How many delegates can represent our congregation? Is our pastor considered a delegate?**

Each church of 600 members or less is allotted one lay delegate. Churches with membership over 600 members are allotted two lay delegates. Clergy are delegates in their own right by virtue of having ministerial standing in an association of the Heartland Conference. They do not count as their church's delegate.

## **Will lunch be provided in the registration cost?**

A boxed lunch for Thursday is included in your registration fee. On Friday, we will have "pay your own way" food trucks on site or you are welcome to visit one of the local restaurants.

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